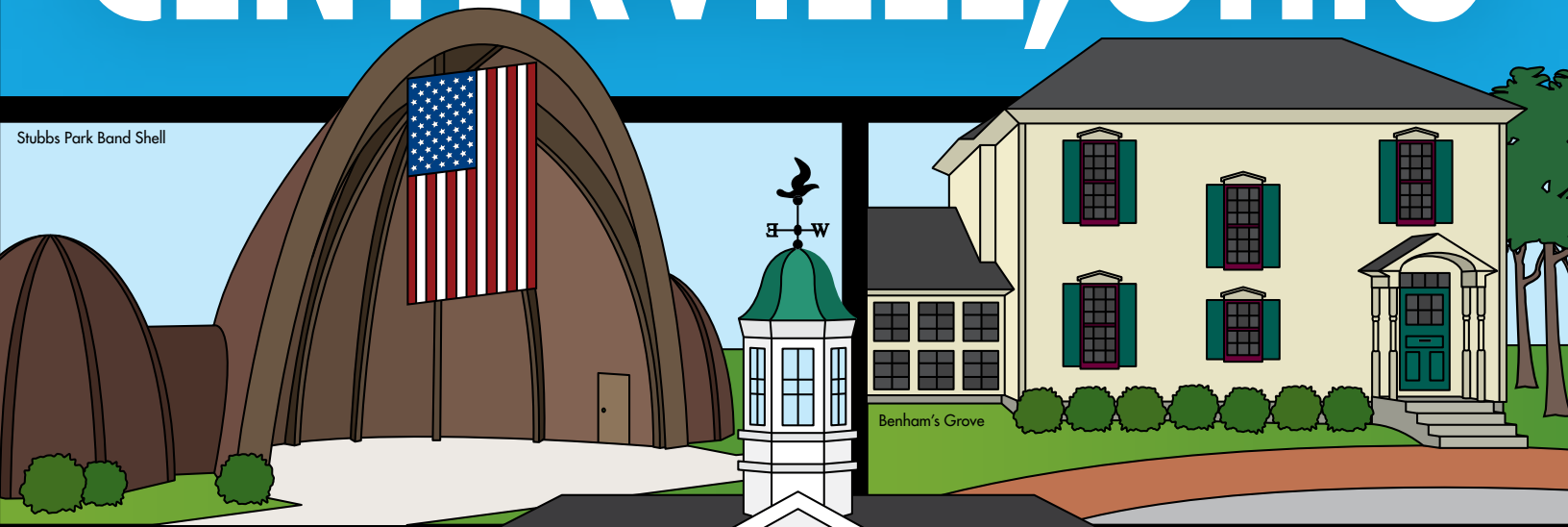


LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

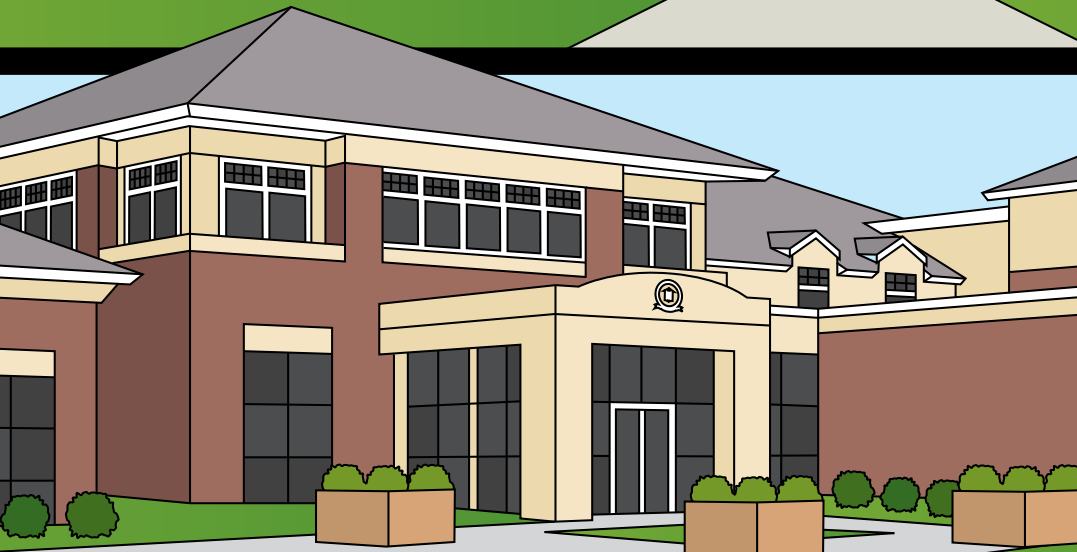
CENTERVILLE, OHIO



Stubbs Park Band Shell

Benham's Grove

Centerville Municipal Building



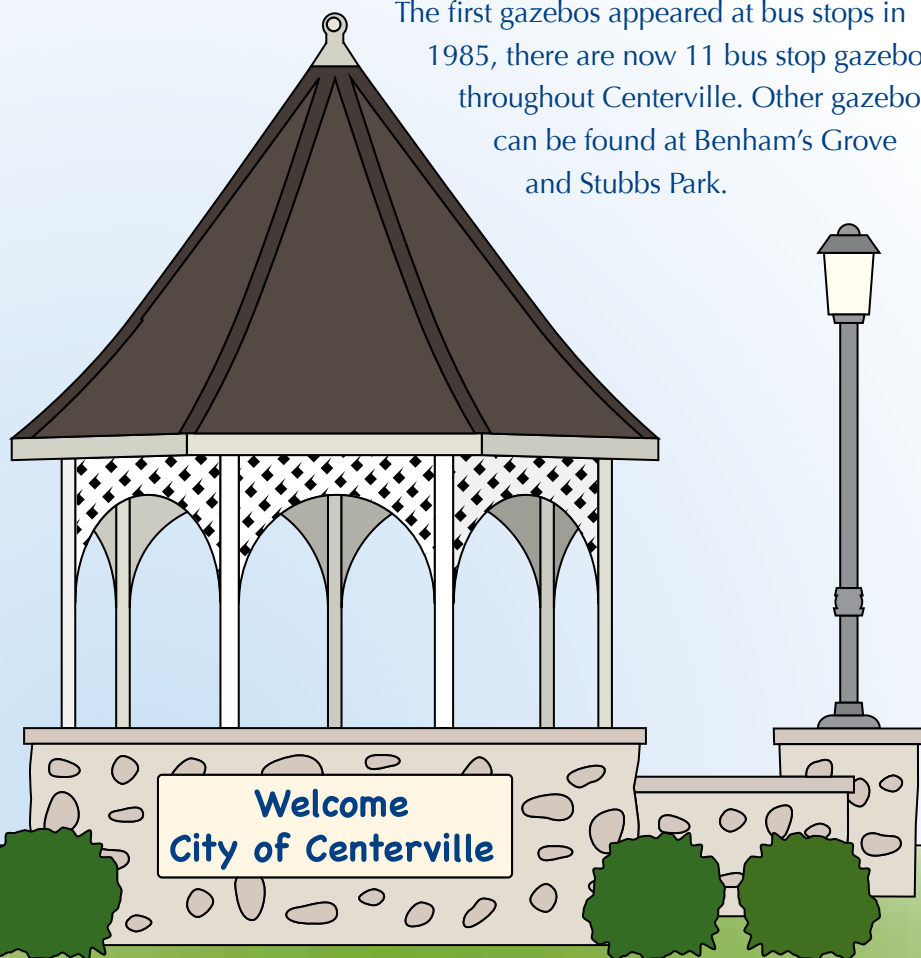
Centerville Police Department



Monkey House
at Stubbs Park

Gazebos can be found at many bus stops in Centerville. These signature bus stops were modeled after the gazebo at Edenhurst Park.

The first gazebos appeared at bus stops in 1985, there are now 11 bus stop gazebos throughout Centerville. Other gazebos can be found at Benham's Grove and Stubbs Park.



Welcome to The City of Centerville!

We are glad you are interested in learning more about your community. There are many wonderful things to do, see and experience in Centerville, Ohio. In this publication, you'll find out about some of the people, places and services in our city. We've designed this book for residents of all ages. You'll find information, maps, games and puzzles for the entire family to enjoy.

City Seal



The city seal, adopted in 1972, emphasizes Centerville's heritage. The center star represents Centerville's history, as it was the center of activity and crossroads for other towns. The four smaller stars represent the surrounding communities of Dayton, Miamisburg, Ridgeville and Springboro. The colonial design holding the stars is symbolic of the historic buildings found here in the late 1700's.

The words "Progress" and "Stability" show that while Centerville looks toward its future, it also appreciates its historic past and provides security and stability for its residents.

City Facts and Figures

The area was settled in 1796.

Centerville was incorporated as a city on December 2, 1968.

Centerville has a Council/Manager form of government.

As of 2008, the city had a land area of 10.83 square miles.

Centerville has a population of 23,902 according to a 2007 Census.

The City has over 100 miles of streets.

Interstates 75 and 675 are major highways that are near Centerville.

State routes 48 and 725 run through the heart of downtown Centerville.

There are more than 10,500 housing units in Centerville; 52% of all land area is single-family housing and 11% is multi-family housing.

Centerville has over 700 businesses.

The History of Centerville

In 1796, during George Washington's last term as president, the first settlers came to Centerville and Washington Township. Brothers-in-law Aaron Nutt, Benjamin Robbins and Benjamin Archer came from Kentucky to survey the area in February 1796, two months before the first settlement in Dayton. Nutt was a Revolutionary War veteran. The three men drew lots for their land and claimed bounties granted for their service in the war. Their families soon joined them here.

Another early settler was John Hole, the first doctor in the Miami Valley. As early as 1796, he built a log cabin for his family near Silver Creek, now known as Holes Creek. This log house was the first home in Washington Township. Dr. Hole named our county, Montgomery County, after his commanding officer and Revolutionary War hero, Brigadier General Richard Montgomery. There is a school on West Whipp Road named for Dr. Hole.

These men were followed by other settlers and their families. By 1803, when Ohio became a state, businesses and homes started to appear near the crossroads (now Franklin and Main streets). Early businesses included a

general store, a hat shop, a barrel-making shop and an inn. All provided goods and services to the surrounding farms. Stone quarries and mills were scattered throughout Washington Township.

Benjamin Robbins named the community "Centreville" after his hometown, Centreville, New Jersey, and because it was located between two rivers and central to other communities like Dayton and Lebanon. By 1900, the spelling was changed by the United States Post Office to "Centerville".

Some log houses were soon replaced by stone homes. Limestone was readily available and used in about 100 buildings in the Centerville-Washington Township area. About 30 of these homes remain today, giving our community the largest collection of early stone buildings in the state of Ohio. Some of the buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The older part of downtown Centerville is called the Architectural Preservation District, so the City protects the older buildings from being torn down.

Centerville became a city on December 2, 1968. There are now nearly 24,000 people living in our city.



Joseph Nutt (left) and Joe Githens, along with their transportation, stand near Githens General Store, 2 E. Franklin St., circa 1890s. The site is now home to Dr. Wilson's Orthodontist Office.



This building at 4 W. Franklin St. was a general store when this photo was taken in 1885. It has since been home to many shops. Recognizable because of the round windows, seen from S. Main St., one of the windows still remains today.



3 N. Main St. has been a popular location for many years. In 1920 it was a general store; it is now home to Square One Salon.



Now a bustling intersection, Joseph Nutt, Aaron Nutt's youngest son, stands at Main and Franklin streets in the early 1900s. The intersection is one of the highest points in Montgomery County.

Where in the World is Centerville, Ohio?

The City of Centerville is located on a continent, in a country, in a state and in a county. Follow the areas to locate your hometown!

In North America

North America is one of seven continents. Can you name all of the continents?

1 _____ 5 _____

2 _____ 6 _____

3 _____ 7 _____

4 _____

In the United States of America

Ohio became the 17th state on March 1, 1803. Can you name the other 49 states?





In Ohio

Montgomery County is one of 88 counties in Ohio. Which city is our state capital?

Did you know?

- Ohio is known as the Buckeye State.
- Ohio was the 17th state in the USA; it became a state on March 1, 1803.
- Ohio's state flag is a pennant design. It is the only state flag of that design in the United States.
- In 1969 Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. He is from Wapakoneta, Ohio.
- Ohio is home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and The Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- The cardinal is the state bird of Ohio.
- Ohio was home to eight U.S. presidents.

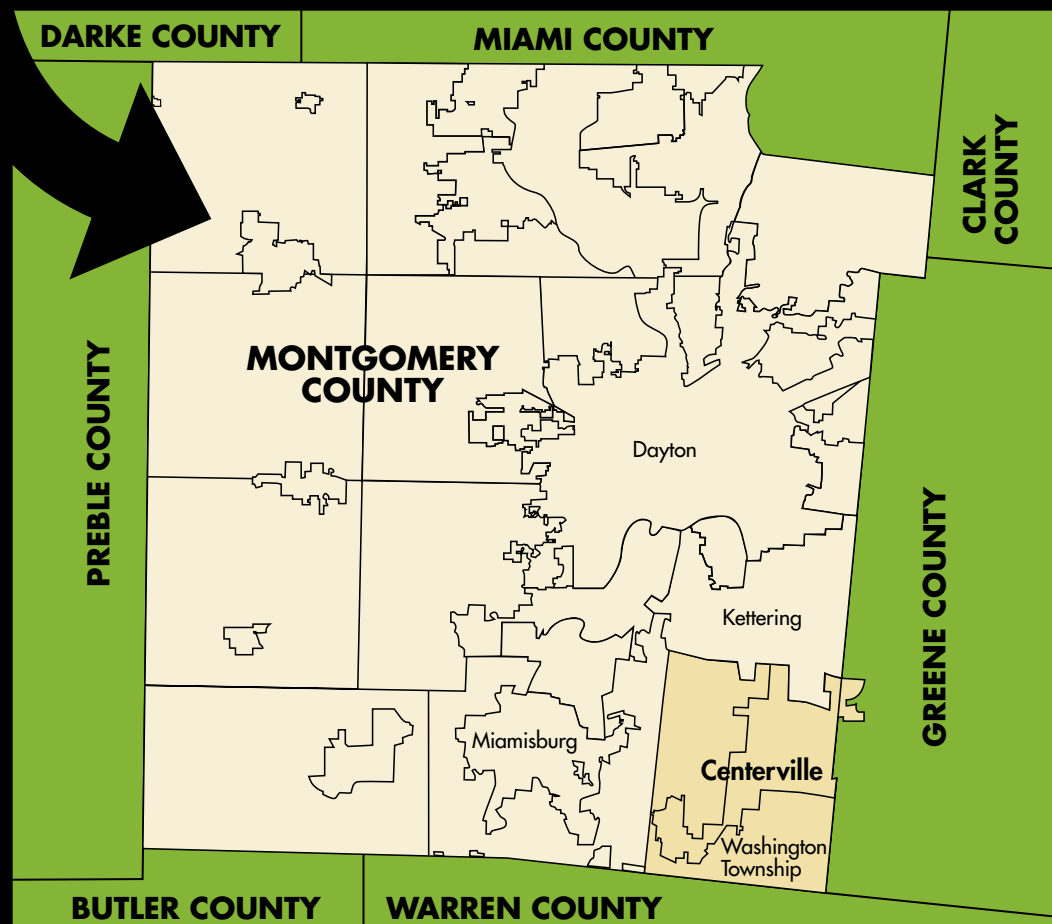
In Montgomery County

More than 1,000 inventions were created in Dayton. Go to the library for more information about these inventions and their inventors.

Here are just a few:

- Airplane—Orville and Wilbur Wright
- Automobile self-starter, and more than 300 patents—Charles F. Kettering
- Cash Register—James Ritty
- Parachute—Albert Smith
- Pull tab and pop-top beverage cans—E.T. Frazee
- Ice cube tray with ejector equipment—Arthur Frei

Flip the Page to see The City of Centerville



What's Inside Centerville?



Form of Government

The City of Centerville is governed by a Council/Manager form of government. City Council members are elected by the citizens of Centerville. These elected officials are responsible for making and changing the laws and setting policies that affect the residents of Centerville. The mayor and six council members are elected at-large to four-year terms. All have equal votes. To run for City Council or Mayor, you must live in Centerville, be an American citizen, and at least 18 years of age. City Council appoints a City Manager to supervise the daily operations of the City departments, offices and staff.

City Council Meetings

City Council holds regular meetings to discuss and vote on items of business for the City of Centerville. The Council must pass ordinances and resolutions to make its decisions legal. An ordinance is an enforceable municipal law which applies to all citizens within that municipality. A majority of council must vote "yes" in order for a decision to pass. The City Council holds meetings on the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the general public. City Council meetings are shown live on cable channel 5 and re-broadcast throughout the month.

City Manager

The City Manager is appointed by the City Council to be the chief administrative officer of the City of Centerville. The City Manager oversees the day-to-day operations of the city and with the assistance of department heads and staff, the City Manager is responsible for delivering a variety of services to the more than 23,000 residents of Centerville.

Part of the City Manager's responsibilities is to appoint and supervise all of the people who work for Centerville. Department and division heads include the Police Chief, City Attorney, City Engineer, Finance Director, Public Works Director and City Planner.

Clerk of Council

The Clerk's Office records the history of the city and serves as custodian of all official documents, agreements, contracts and laws of Centerville. The Clerk prepares the City Council meeting agenda and aids the mayor and council whenever they need assistance. Some of the other duties include following through on all actions of council, preparing legislation and filing documents, agreements and contracts.

Economic Development Office

The Economic Development Office works to retain, expand and attract businesses in Centerville. It achieves this by serving as an advocate for the 700+ businesses in Centerville. The office is in regular contact with businesses, helping them grow and prosper in Centerville.

Planning Division

The future of Centerville is guided by the Planning Office. This office follows a plan that helps the community appreciate the historic buildings from the past and grow in the best way for the future. The work of the Planning Office can be seen everywhere in Centerville. Homes, offices and stores are separated because every acre of land is zoned for a special type of use. For example, land that is zoned to build a home cannot be used to build a grocery store.

As the city grows and changes, members of the Planning Office work to make sure Centerville can handle a larger population without becoming overcrowded.

Public Works Department

The Public Works Department, located on South Suburban Road, takes care of street repairs, trash pick-up and snow and leaf removal. The department picks up your glass, cans, cardboard and newspapers and takes them to a recycling center. The department also keeps our Police cars and other city vehicles in excellent condition and maintains all city-owned buildings.

The department also is responsible for city beautification including flower planting, yard, lawn and tree maintenance.

Finance Department

As residents of Centerville, your family benefits from our City services. Police and firefighters protect you and your family. The roads are cleared when it snows. Your trash and recyclable items are picked up at your home.

Taxes, or fees, to the City of Centerville help pay and provide these and other services. People who live or work in Centerville pay an earnings tax each year. The City's Finance Department is responsible for collecting and budgeting that money as well as payroll, purchasing and management of the City's various insurance programs.

Police Division

The Centerville Police Division serves and protects the residents of Centerville. The division offers drug education, crime prevention, and safety and community programs to residents of all ages. The Chief of Police is responsible for leading a department of more than 55 officers, detectives, dispatchers, cadets and staff members. Our police officers patrol about 11 square miles as they protect Centerville residents. For more information about the Police Division see page 8.

Engineering & Inspection Offices

The Engineering Office plans street projects, traffic signals, storm sewers, curbs and sidewalks. During construction, the office performs inspections and safety studies. For example, if there is a place in Centerville where many car accidents occur, the Engineering Office studies that area and then makes changes to make the street safer.

The Inspection Office is responsible for inspecting all new commercial, industrial and residential buildings. The Building Inspector issues building permits. You must show the Inspector what you want to build, and if the building is approved, the permit allows you to go ahead with your plans. Centerville's Inspection Office includes a building inspector, an electrical inspector, and zoning and property maintenance inspectors. Inspectors must be tested and certified in their area of expertise.



Bike Safety Tips

When riding your bicycle, have fun, but use caution. Here are some helpful hints from the Centerville Police Division for enjoying a safe ride:

- Always wear a helmet—It's the law in Centerville
- Obey traffic signs
- Use traffic signals
- Ride a properly fitted bicycle
- When riding in a group, keep a safe distance between bikes
- Brake before you turn a corner
- Look out for objects on the road

Every Time You Ride Your Bike Do the ABC Quick Check

- ✓ A. Air in tires
- ✓ B. Brakes
- ✓ C. Cranks & pedals
- ✓ Quick look at wheel axles, nuts and bolts
- ✓ Take a short ride

Our Police Division has several officers who patrol our streets on bicycles. They follow these rules every time they get on their bicycles. If you would like more information about safe bicycle riding, contact our Police Division at 433-7661.

Centerville's Bicycle Helmet Ordinance

No person under the age of 18 years shall operate a bicycle, or ride as a passenger on a bicycle equipped with a passenger seat, within the City unless such person is wearing a protective helmet on his/her head, with the chin strap fastened under the chin. Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be subject to penalty.

Police Division

The Police Division helps keep Centerville a safe place to live. Located at 155 West Spring Valley Road, the 38,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility opened in 2002 and features a communications center, conference and meeting room, reception lobby area, fitness facility as well as administrative offices, seven jail cells and a five-lane firing range.

There are more than 55 men and women who assist and protect our residents.

The Police Division includes a Crime Prevention Officer, who helps residents with neighborhood watch programs, a D.A.R.E. Officer, who teaches children about safety and drug awareness, and a Juvenile Officer, who works with young people. Both motorcycle patrol and bicycle patrol officers are also a part of the Division.

Every summer the Police Division sponsors Mystery Night Out, a community-wide clue search held at Stubbs Park. Entertainment, prizes and other activities are all a part of this event. The Division also offers child fingerprinting identification, and classes on bicycle safety, crime prevention and other safety information.

Residents are encouraged to learn more about how their Police Department operates. The Citizens Police Academy is offered twice a year. The 12-week program offers such topics as Use of Force, Traffic Crash Investigations, Firearms, Domestic Violence and Evidence Collection. Participants also have the opportunity to ride along with a patrol officer on duty, to better understand the role of the officer.



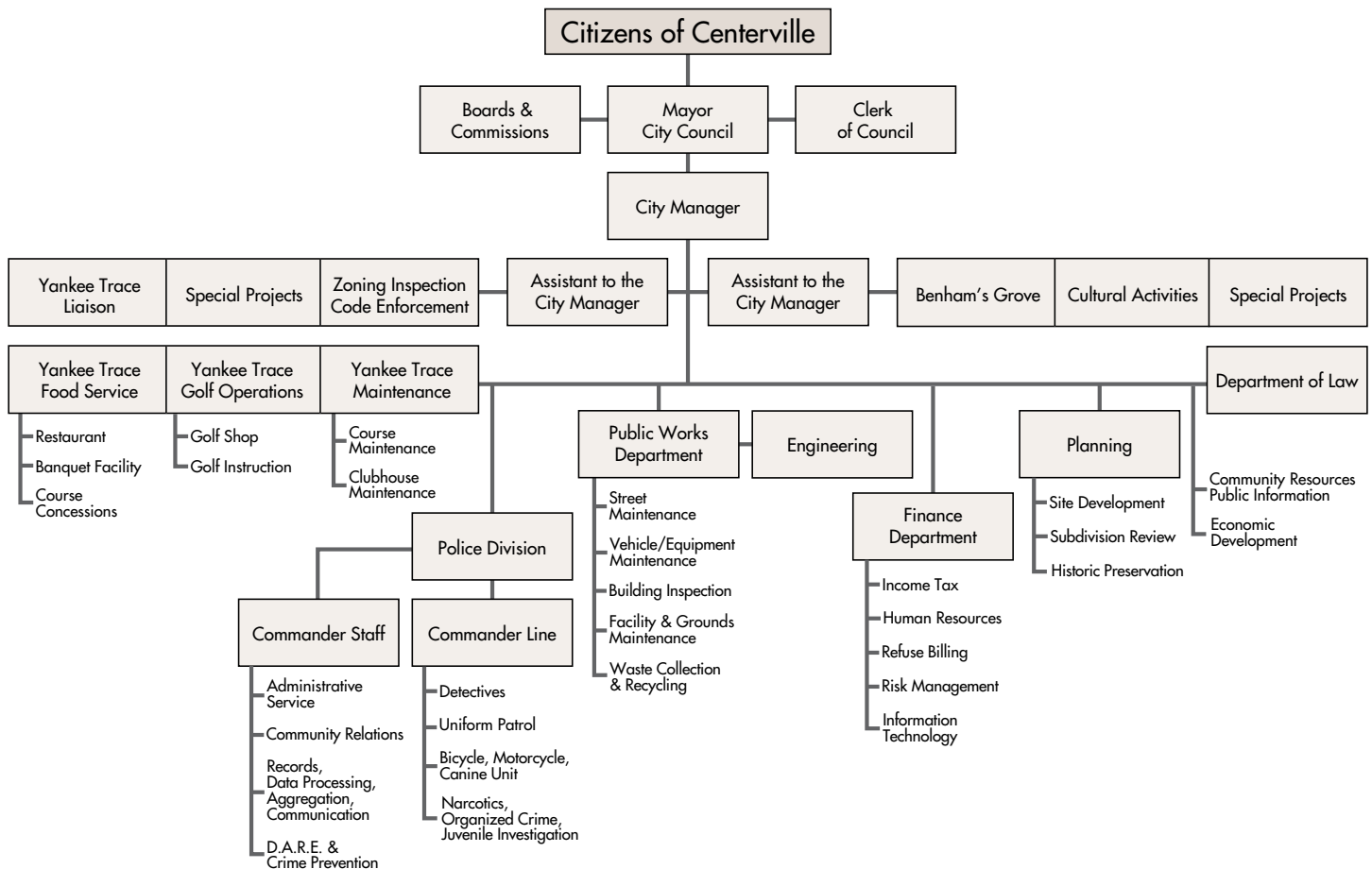
Boris the Police dog

Each summer, middle school students have the opportunity to learn about crime scene investigations by attending a one day CSI camp. Kids learn about fingerprints, blood collection and crime scene photography. They collect evidence from a simulated crime scene to practice their new skills.

If you are ever in an **EMERGENCY** situation, such as a fire or serious injury, call **911** for help. The Centerville Police Division and the Washington Township Fire Department use a special phone system that can tell the dispatcher where your house is located. The dispatcher is specially trained to help with a variety of emergency situations.



Centerville Organizational Chart



Centerville's Volunteer Boards & Commissions And CIVIC Municipal Volunteer Program

Volunteers play a vital role in our city. More than 300 residents volunteer for our city in various capacities. Residents have the opportunity to serve on our citizen boards and commissions, including Board of Architectural Review, Property Review Commission, Sister City Committee, Arts Commission, Planning Commission and City Beautiful Commission. All City board and commission members are appointed by City Council and usually meet monthly. Committees that meet on an as-needed basis are the Storm Water Drainage Task Force, Personnel Appeals Board, Tax Appeals Board and Centerville City School District Personnel Appeals Board.

Another group of active volunteers take part in our CIVIC Municipal Volunteer program. These volunteers work side by side with employees in city offices to assist departments with projects, clerical duties and other assignments. For information on volunteering, call the City offices at 433-7151 or visit www.ci.centerville.oh.us.

Community Information

The City of Centerville provides several ways for residents to learn more about our community, its events and activities. The Town Crier is our national award-winning, city-produced, bimonthly newsletter mailed to every resident's home. Centerville Commerce, produced by the Economic Development office, is a quarterly newsletter for Centerville businesses. For more information about receiving either publication, call the Centerville City offices at 433-7151.

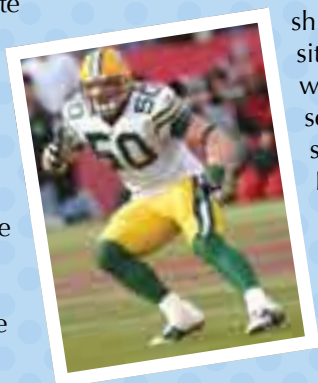
Centerville is a member of the Miami Valley Communications Council, a council of governments consisting of eight cities south of Dayton. Through the communications council, the City produces cable television programs including "Centerville Reports," a nationally recognized news magazine program, and "Let's Talk Centerville," a monthly call-in program. "Centerville Reports Today" and "Centerville Datebook" are other government programs that keep our residents informed about local happenings. Centerville City Council meetings are shown live on the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m. All City programming is shown on Time Warner Cable channel 5, the Government Access station. Residents may also take part in creating their own programming through the communications council. Call the Miami Valley Communications Council at 438-8887 or www.mvcc.net for more information.

Notable Hometowners

Several notable people have lived in Centerville. Here are a few who at one time called our city "home." To learn more about these people, or read other biographies, visit the Walton House Museum or the library.

AJ Hawk

AJ Hawk is a linebacker for the Green Bay Packers. A stellar athlete at Centerville High School, by the time he graduated in 2002, he racked up 585 career tackles and averaged better than 40 yards per punt as a senior, earning a scholarship to The Ohio State University. At OSU, Hawk played in 51 games with 38 starts, and was recognized with numerous awards. A first round pick in the NFL draft, during his rookie season, Hawk led the Packers with 155 tackles, finished third in the Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year voting, and was named to the Pro Football Weekly/Pro Football Writers Association All-Rookie Team.



Mike Nugent

Currently with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Mike Nugent has had a stellar career as a kicker. A 2001 Centerville High School graduate, he set a school record for 165 extra points during his high school career. As a kicker for Ohio State, he won first-team All-America honors as well as the Lou Groza Award as the top place-kicker in college football. He set or tied 22 school kicking records during his OSU career. Formerly with the New York Jets, he holds the second longest field goal streak in Jets' history.



Nick Mangold

Nick Mangold, center for the New York Jets, was selected in the first round of the 2006 NFL Draft. Mangold was the first center in Jets' history to start every game his rookie season. A 2002 graduate of Alter High School, he was a three-year starter and a first-team All-Ohio pick, earning a scholarship to The Ohio State University. While at OSU, Mangold was a three-year starter and served as co-captain his senior season. He and AJ Hawk were roommates at Ohio State. He is enjoying a terrific career with the New York Jets.

Phil Donahue

Phil Donahue is a pioneer in daytime television. He introduced the audience participation format to talk shows in 1967 as host of The Phil Donahue Show, shown on a local television station in Dayton. His program then moved from Dayton to Chicago, and then on to New York City. In 1993, Mr. Donahue was inducted into the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame. Among his many other honors and awards are nine Daytime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Host. He and



author Erma Bombeck lived across the street from each other in Centerville during the 1960's.

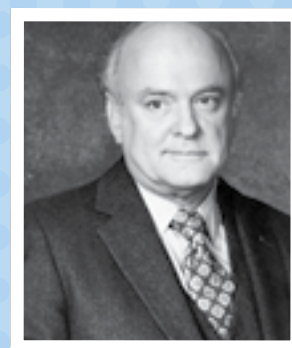
Kirk Herbstreit

Kirk Herbstreit is a College Game Day Analyst for ESPN, the all-sports television network. After graduating from Centerville High School in 1988, he was the quarterback for The Ohio State University football team. During high school, Mr. Herbstreit was named Ohio Player of the Year. His football honors as an Ohio State Buckeye included team captain, team MVP (Most Valuable Player), and most motivational player. Before joining ESPN, Mr. Herbstreit hosted other sports shows for radio and television.



Gordon Jump (1932-2003)

Gordon Jump grew up in a house on Normandy Farms, near what is now Normandy United Methodist Church. He attended Centerville City Schools, graduating from high school in 1951. He later moved to Hollywood, CA to pursue his dream of becoming an actor. Television viewers know Mr. Jump from his role as Mr. Carlson on "WKRP in Cincinnati", a show that aired in the late 1970's. He appeared on numerous other television programs. One of his last roles was as the lonely Maytag repairman on television commercials.



Erma Bombeck (1927-1996)

Erma Bombeck was a beloved humorist and author. Her newspaper columns and books often looked at the lighter side of life. Mrs. Bombeck began her career as a columnist in 1963 while she and her family lived in Centerville. She worked for a local newspaper but soon found national success. Her column was carried by more than 600 newspapers. Her first book, *At Wit's End*, was published in 1967. She went on to write ten more. She moved

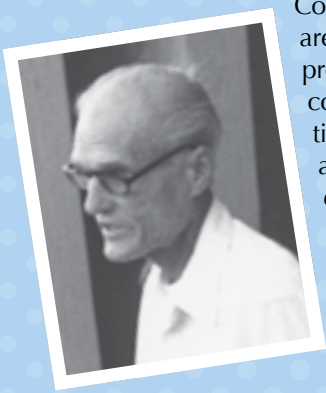
to Arizona in 1971, but still kept close ties to her friends in Centerville. She received many awards and was named to *Good Housekeeping* magazine's list of the world's most admired women.



Tom Stolz (1929-1993)

Tom Stolz created some of Centerville's best-loved community attractions. He was committed to creating parks and protecting green space, often at his own expense. Mr. Stolz donated valuable land, landscaping materials and staff to create Stubbs Park, on West Spring Valley Road. The community amphitheater, walking paths, picnic shelter, ponds and trees are his donation and creation. The Township Recreation Center and its

Countryside Park are two of his other projects. Tom Stolz contributed his time, resources and money to establish these park areas for the families who live in our community.



Thomas Allen Family Concert Band

Centerville's famous Thomas Allen Family Concert Band included a mother, father and their eleven children. Each summer they traveled around the Midwest performing their music. Each child learned to play at least two instruments. They played at the opening dedication ceremony of the Township Hall, 27 North Main Street, in 1909.

Ida Weller (1876-1952)

Ida Weller was born on a farm where Bethany Lutheran Village is today. Her energy, enthusiasm and talent for learning new skills by reading books made her a leader. "I like to study, study, study—I can never get enough of it," she said. She helped start Centerville's first garden club, library, women's chorus, and adult school for farmers and their wives. She was a teacher at Schoolhouse No. 8. After she married Arthur S. Weller, she continued her activities while raising three children and working on the farm. She traveled by horse and buggy until 1920. Weller Elementary School is named after her.



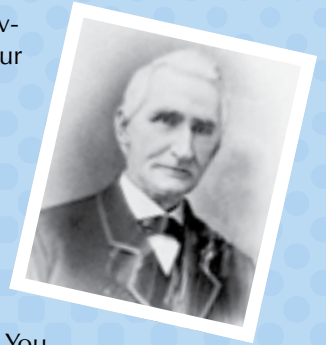
Moses George

Moses George fought for his children to be educated in the local school district. Before the Civil War (1861-1865)—and for almost a hundred more years—many black and white children across the United States did not go to the same schools. Records show that between 1875 and 1877, Mr. George went to the Board of Education on at least two occasions requesting that his children be taught at the "white" school since there was no school available for his children to attend. Because of his perseverance, the 1877 Board of Education census shows that six male and three female black students attended School No. 6, located on Route 48 and Nutt Road. It would take many more years and federal laws for black and white children to attend school together, but Mr. George's commitment to his children's education led to the area school's integration. Almost 80 years later in 1954, a ground-breaking Supreme Court legal decision, *Brown vs. the Board of Education in Topeka, Kansas*, finally declared that separate public schools for blacks and whites were unconstitutional.



Joseph Nutt (1818-1903)

Joseph Nutt was the son of Aaron Nutt, one of Centerville's founders. A community leader throughout his life, we know a lot about Centerville's early history because Joseph was a good historian. When he was about 11 years old, he amazed everyone by driving a team of four horses pulling a wagon loaded with heavy stones. Those stones were used to make a sidewalk from the old cemetery into town. You can see those very same stones now as part of the walk and patio at Benham's Grove.



Some of Centerville's Attractions

Centerville Events

The City of Centerville is proud to sponsor and be associated with events and activities year-round for you and your family to enjoy. During the winter, you can ring in the holidays at the Hometown Holiday Walk, and enjoy the entertainment at the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Summer activities include watching the parade and fireworks at the Americana Fourth of July Festival, enjoying the picnic areas and music during the Summer Concert Series, and searching for clues at Mystery Night Out. You can go to Stubbs Park to play or picnic, or stop by Walton House Museum to see the latest exhibit any time of year. The City holds memorial services on Veterans Day and Memorial Day each year at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park. Call the Centerville Municipal offices at 433-7151 for more information or see our website www.ci.centerville.oh.us.

The Golf Club at Yankee Trace

Yankee Trace is the City of Centerville's municipal golf course.



The 27-hole championship course is located on 600+ acres of land at Yankee Street and Social Row Road. The club features a dual ended driving range and a clubhouse complete with indoor practice facility, pro shop, restaurant, and banquet facilities. The course offers special activities for youngsters. During the summer months, a junior golf league is available to golfers 12 through 18 years of age. Budding golfers may also take part in Junior Golf Week. Yankee Trace is open to anyone to use and enjoy. Phone 438-4653 for the golf club and 438-3585 for the restaurant or visit www.yankeetrace.org.

Stubbs Park

Stubbs Park, located on West Spring Valley Road, is owned and managed by the City of Centerville. There are many fun things to do there. You can run in the fields, have a picnic, play on the swings, or watch the ducks in the pond. The park has 65 acres and features a walking path, a restored 1925 monkey house and a 19th century springhouse. Each summer, the City sponsors a concert series at the community amphitheater where you can enjoy a variety of music and other entertainment every Sunday evening through Labor Day.

Walking around the park area, you'll find many enjoyable activities. Near the concession area there is a sculpture celebrating the performing arts. If you enjoy in-line skating or playing basketball, make sure to stop by the courts along the eastern edge of the park. The concrete court is surrounded by a dasher board similar to those found in professional hockey arenas. Open for year-round play, the court boasts six basketball goals. A two-tiered playground featuring swings, slides and other equipment is also located in this area.

The Monkey House, at the entrance of Stubbs Park, was originally built by Edwin Earl Miller, a general store retailer, about 1930. Miller ran a country store near the corner of Whipp Road on Route 48 for over 60 years. In the early 1930's "Monkey" Miller had 17 monkeys in the house to attract customers to his store as they traveled from Dayton to Centerville. In 1985, following Miller's death, the Monkey House was moved to Stubbs Park.

Benham's Grove

Benham's Grove, a community gathering place, is located on eight acres of land in the heart of Centerville on North Main Street. The property was originally a farm owned by Aaron Nutt, a founder of Centerville. In 1885, a local merchant named Joseph Benham built the farmhouse, which is still on the property. Many years later, a barn and what is now the cottage were added. The cottage was originally a chicken coop.

Today the property is owned and operated by the City of Centerville. The buildings are now used for private rental and other community and special events such as the Americana Festival, Garden Fest, and Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony. Call 433-1913 for further information or visit www.benhamsgrove.com.



The Rotary Gazebo at Benham's Grove



Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park

Here's your chance to be a detective! Use the code below to discover a fun place to visit in Centerville.

7	19	22	20	12	15	21	24	15	6	25		
26	7	2	26	13	16	22	22	7	9	26	24	22

Code:

1-Z	2-Y	3-X	4-W	5-V	6-U	7-T	8-S	9-R
10-Q	11-P	12-O	13-N	14-M	15-L	16-K	17-J	18-I
19-H	20-G	21-F	22-E	23-D	24-C	25-B	26-A	



Library

The Washington-Centerville Public Library, rated #1 among the nation's top libraries, provides citizens of Centerville with a diverse collection, helpful research assistance, great programs and convenient services. With two locations, the Woodbourne Library, at 6060 Far Hills Avenue, and the Centerville Library, at 111 West Spring Valley Road, it welcomes over 14,000 visitors each week, making the Library the 10th busiest in Ohio. For more information on the Washington-Centerville Public Library, visit www.wclibrary.info or call the Centerville Library at 433-8091 or the Woodbourne Library at 435-3700.

Parks, Recreational and Cultural Activities

Our residents enjoy 47 nature areas and parks featuring acres of green space maintained and administered by the Centerville-Washington Park District. The Park District offers nature walks and hikes, sports leagues and other outdoor educational and recreational programs for people of all ages. For more information about the Park District, call 433-5155 or visit www.cwpd.org.

The Washington Township Recreation Center offers Centerville residents a number of recreational activities including fitness programs, aquatic programs, sports leagues, and art, theatre and dance classes. The Rec Center is located on Miamisburg-Centerville Road. The Town Hall Theatre presents live productions featuring the Landmark Theatre Group, the All Children's Theatre Series and other programs. For more information about these programs, call 433-0130 or visit www.washingtontwp.org.

Physical activity is very important to stay healthy. What are some activities you enjoy?

Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society

Walton House



The Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society's Walton House Museum is located at 89 West Franklin Street. The museum, located in a home built in 1838, features many historical items. Exhibits show what life was like during different periods of Centerville's history. Walton House has books, photographs, and other artifacts about our community's history.

The Historical Society offers youngsters a Village Trades 1800's class. In this class held during the summer, students use traditional tools to make household items, such as a roped chair from the last century. Students get "hands on" experience with the tools. Other classes for youth are available as well.

The museum offers programs and special events throughout the year. Call 433-0123 for more information.

Asahel Wright Community Center

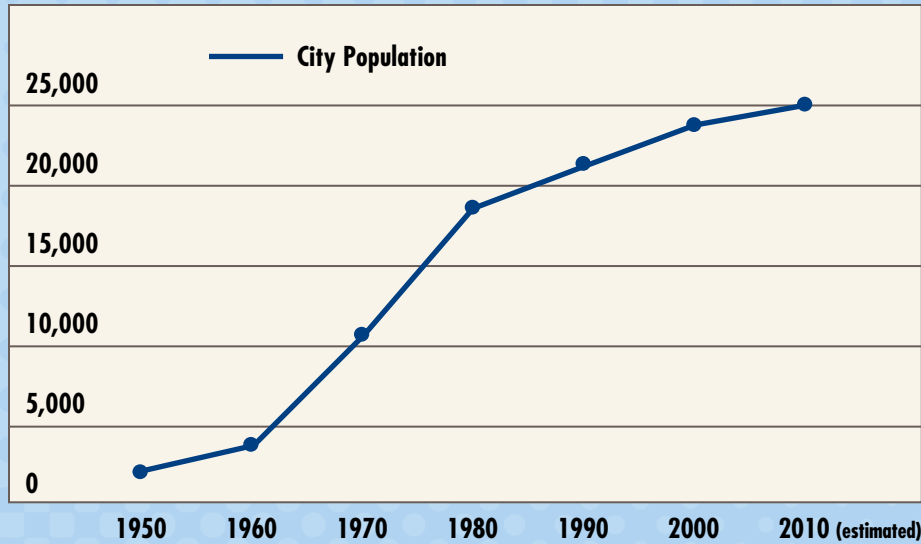


Named for its one-time owner, Asahel Wright was the great uncle of Orville and Wilbur Wright, the inventors of modern flight. The Asahel Wright Community Center, located at 26 North Main Street, comprises two buildings. The front building houses the visitor center and gift shop. The gift shop sells items from local artists and other handmade folk art. Brochures, maps, Historical Society publications and other items are also available.

The rear building is home to the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society and the Landmarks Foundation of Centerville-Washington Township. There are two exhibit rooms on the main floor. The City of Centerville owns the Asahel Wright House and the Historical Society manages it. For more information call 433-0123 or 291-2223. Visit the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society website at www.mvcc.net/Centerville/histsoc.

Then & Now

How Our City Has Grown



Washington Township School (192 W. Franklin Street)



In 1924 the high school and nine one-room schoolhouses were joined into a single new building for grades 1 to 12. Over the years it has had five additions and served elementary, junior and senior high school students. It is now known as Magsig Middle School.

Centerville High School (500 E. Franklin Street)



More than 2700 students attend Centerville High School on E. Franklin St. Students have many learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Visit www.centerville.k12.oh.us for more information.

Washington Township School 1939	Centerville City Schools 2009
1 School	13 Schools
Grades 1 -12	Grades PreK-12
319 students	8,380 students
1 Superintendent	1 Superintendent
15 teachers	524 teachers
1 janitor	41 janitors
8 bus drivers	108 bus drivers

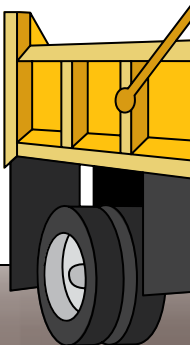
Centerville's Sister Cities

Centerville has two sister cities: Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and Bad Zwischenahn, Germany. Sister Cities were developed in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower to establish greater friendship and understanding through direct personal contact between the peoples of the United States and other nations.

Established in 1973, our Sister City committee sponsors cultural exchange visits and other programs. These visits allow us to learn more about the cultures, interests, and people of those cities.

Waterloo is located west of Toronto in the heart of Ontario's agricultural region. In Waterloo, the people speak English, in other areas of Canada, French is spoken.

Bad Zwischenahn, (Bahd Zvish en on) is an industrial area located near Hamburg, Germany, in the northeastern part of the country. The people of Bad Zwischenahn speak German.



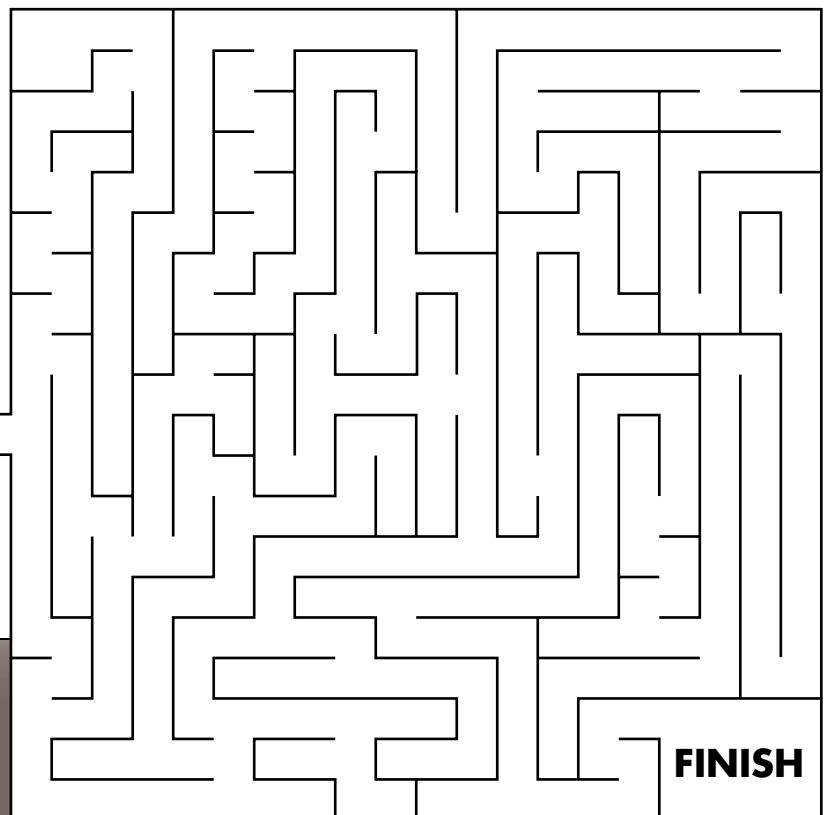
Let's Check Out What We've Learned About Centerville

Fill in the blanks with the correct answer. You can check your answers on page 19.

1. Centerville was founded in _____.
2. The _____ is in charge of city council meetings.
3. _____ is the older part of downtown Centerville.
4. Centerville is located in _____ county.
5. If you have an emergency and need help from the Police or Fire Departments, call _____.
6. The _____ is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the City.
7. _____ was the first doctor in Centerville.
8. Saving empty pop cans, newspapers, cardboard and other items until they are picked up by the Public Works Department is called _____.
9. Books, DVDs and other information can be found in the _____.
10. The motto on the City of Centerville's seal is _____ and _____.
11. The _____ Department prepares and administers the City's budget.
12. If you wanted to build an additional room to your house, you would go to the _____ Office.
13. Three city services paid for by tax dollars are _____, _____ and _____.

Truck Tracks

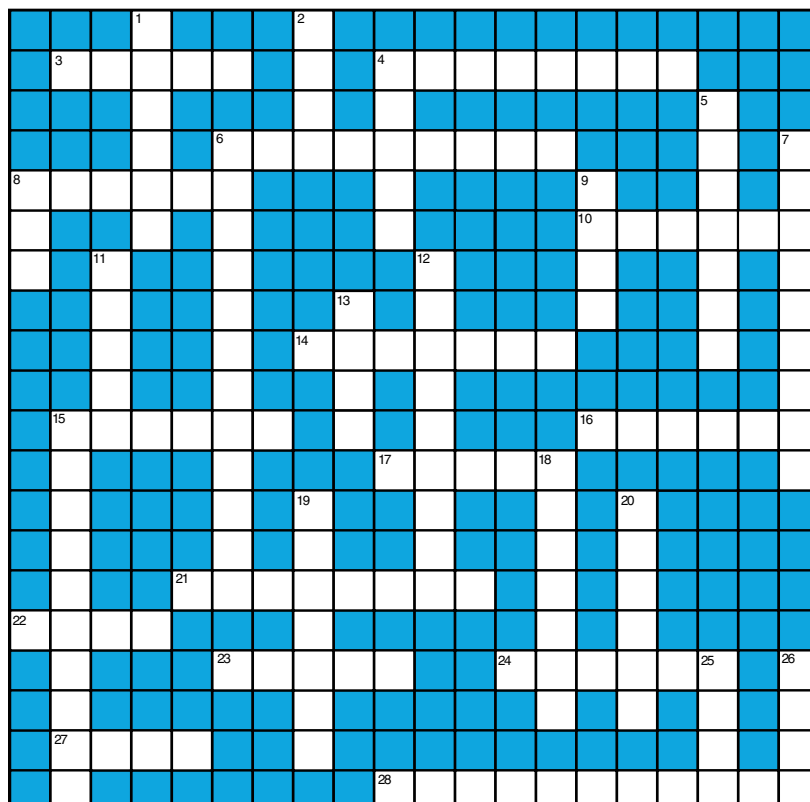
Help guide the city truck to the finish.
The shortest route is marked on page 19.



Crossword Puzzle

This crossword puzzle is all about Centerville. The words you'll need are listed to the left of the puzzle. Put the numbers in the blank next to the word. Check your answers on page 19.

_____ NUTT	_____ MONKS
_____ VOTE	_____ MUSEUM
_____ ASAHIL	_____ AMERICANA
_____ BENHAM'S	_____ PARK
_____ BIKE	_____ PROGRESS
_____ SEAL	_____ CENTERVILLE
_____ CLINE	_____ POLICE
_____ CONCERTS	_____ SOCIETY
_____ DARE	_____ STATE
_____ FIREWORKS	_____ STUBBS
_____ GAZEBO	_____ TRACE
_____ HOUSE	_____ VOLUNTEER
_____ HOLE	_____ WELLER
_____ LIBRARY	_____ AMPHITHEATER
_____ McGRUFF	_____ WOODBOURNE
_____ MAP	_____ YANKEE



Across

3. Yankee _____ is rated the Dayton area's number one public golf course.
4. The Centerville Arts Commission offers free _____ during the summer and winter series.
6. This community festival celebrates our country's independence.
8. Walton House _____ is the home of the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society.
10. The _____ Wright House welcomes visitors to Centerville. He was the Wright Brothers' great uncle.
14. Computers, books, activities and magazines are just a few things offered at the _____.
15. This educator has an elementary school on Sheehan Road named for her.
16. This department protects and serves the residents of our community.
17. The first residents of Centerville's St. Leonard Center.
21. The words on the City Seal are _____ and stability.
22. You can register to _____ on your 18th birthday.
23. Benham's Grove has a Victorian _____, a cottage and a barn.
24. This park offers picnic areas, in-line skating and other activities.
27. Aaron _____ is considered a founding father of Centerville.
28. _____ was founded in 1796.

Down

1. Centerville's The Golf Club at _____ Trace is a local attraction.
2. This program teaches drug awareness to fifth grade students.
4. An elementary school located on Virginia Avenue.
5. _____ Grove is a community gathering place in the heart of Centerville.
6. Housed in Stubbs Park, this attraction features live musical performances.
7. Many community members _____ their time to assist the City and its operations.
8. The City _____ is a diagram of Centerville streets.
9. Stubbs _____ offers playground equipment, a roller rink, ponds and the community amphitheater.
11. Ohio is our country's 17th _____.
12. These light up the night sky above Centerville every Fourth of July.
13. All cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a _____ helmet.
15. Although this village no longer exists, a library shares its name.
18. The Centerville Historical _____ chronicles our community's past.
19. This dog "takes a bite out of crime!"
20. Many bus stops in Centerville are sheltered by this.
25. This circular logo, found in this book, has our city motto and represents our City _____.
26. John _____ was the first doctor in the Miami Valley.

Word Search & Matching

All the words on the right are hidden in the jumble of letters below. You can find them by searching the rows across, up or down, or diagonally. At the bottom of the page are clues to match with the words. Please put the letters in the blank space next to the words. You can check your answers on page 19.



1. _____ Aaron Nutt
2. _____ Centerville
3. _____ City Manager
4. _____ Council
5. _____ Dr. John Hole
6. _____ Elks
7. _____ Engineer
8. _____ Fire
9. _____ Four
10. _____ Grove
11. _____ Library
12. _____ Map
13. _____ Mayor
14. _____ Montgomery
15. _____ Ohio
16. _____ Planning
17. _____ Police
18. _____ Preservation
19. _____ Progress
20. _____ Public Works
21. _____ Recycle
22. _____ Snow
23. _____ Stubbs
24. _____ Walton
25. _____ Yankee Trace

- A. An elementary school is named after _____, the first doctor in the area. He named our county after his commanding officer and hero.
- B. Brother-in-law to Benjamin Archer and Benjamin Robbins.
- C. Our _____ and council members are elected to _____ year terms.
- D. The _____ Division "DARES" children to say NO to drugs!
- E. This park hosts summer concerts. It also has playground equipment, picnic shelters and much more! _____.
- F. Centerville and Dayton are both located in the state of _____ which was admitted into the union in 1803.
- G. The appointed official in charge of all city services.
- H. The _____ Department oversees important community services including recycling, keeping our roads clear, and waste pick up.
- I. The Washington Township _____ Department responds with emergency equipment when you call 9•1•1.
- J. Six _____ members and a mayor pass ordinances which govern our city.
- K. The municipal golf facility, it features a 27- hole course.
- L. The older part of downtown Centerville is part of the Architectural _____ District, designed to protect the homes in the community.
- M. This office helps to zone and plan for the future of our community.
- N. Became a city in 1968.
- O. The Public Works Department uses a _____ plow to clear our roads.
- P. Centerville and Dayton are both located in _____ County.
- Q. Curby the Cardinal encourages all children and adults to _____ their paper, plastic, aluminum and glass.
- R. For books, CDs, DVDs, research and other materials, go to the _____.
- S. Benham's _____ is a historic farmhouse located in the heart of town.
- T. _____ and stability are on the Centerville seal.
- U. _____ House Museum offers exhibits and information about our community's past.
- V. The City _____ tells us where streets, schools and parks are located.
- W. The City _____ assures quality of construction and street projects.
- X. The Centerville City School's mascot.

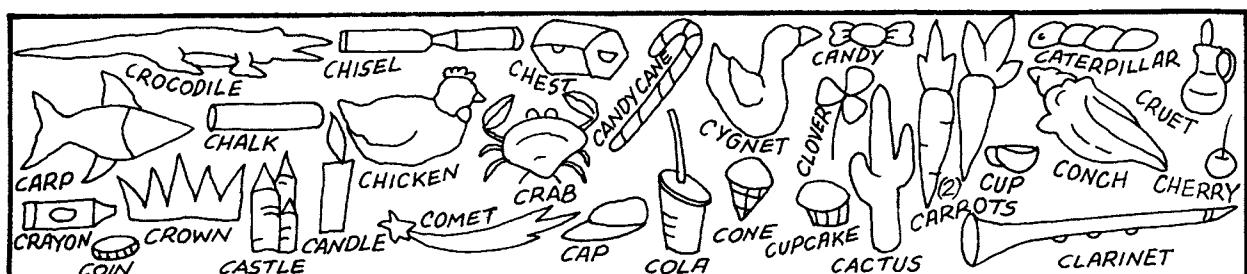
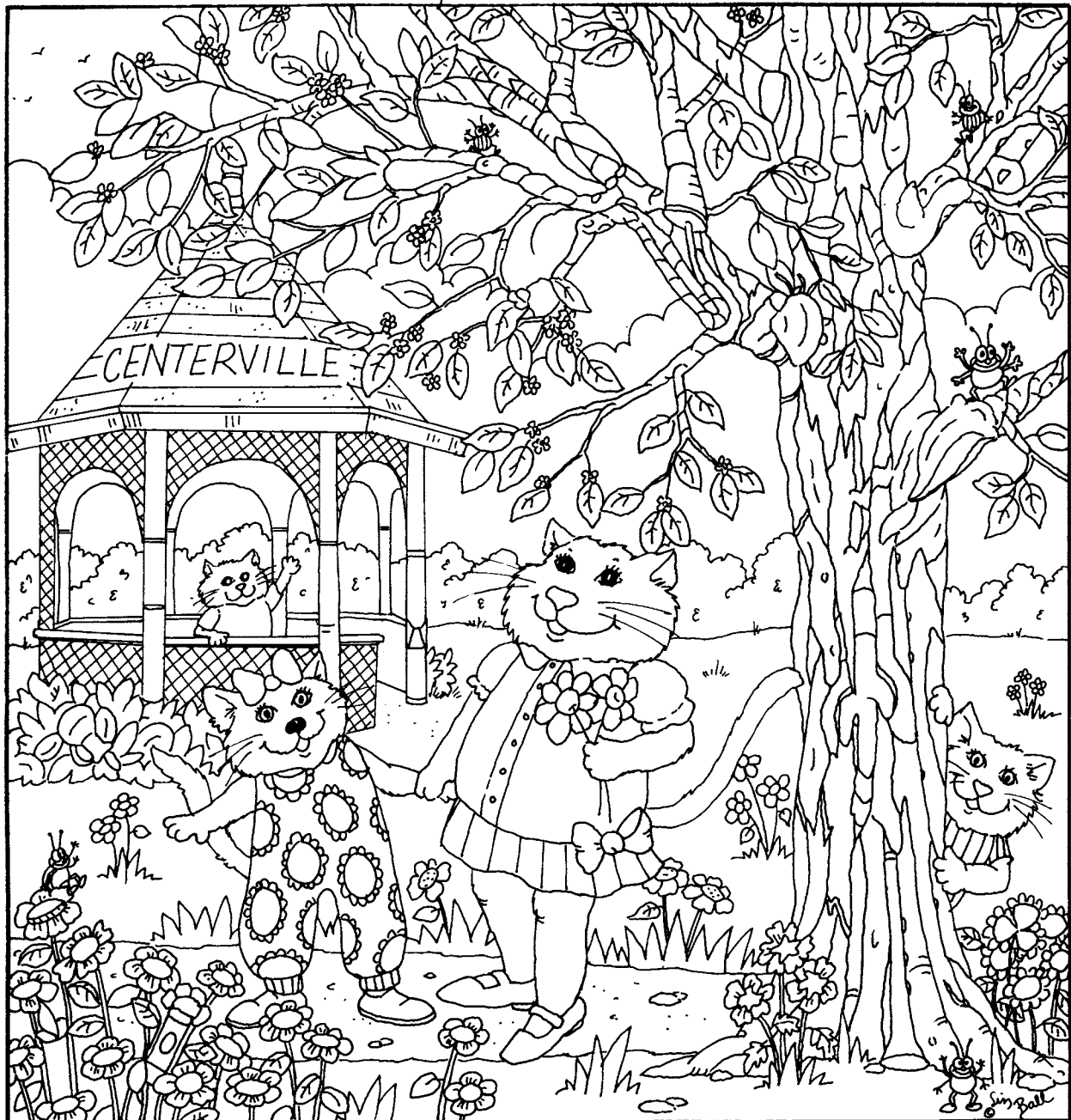
Tree City, USA

Centerville is recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA. That means our community cares for its older trees and continues to plant new trees. Centerville has received this honor every year since joining the program in 1985.



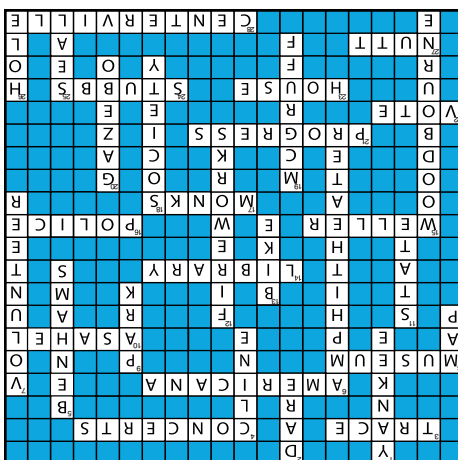
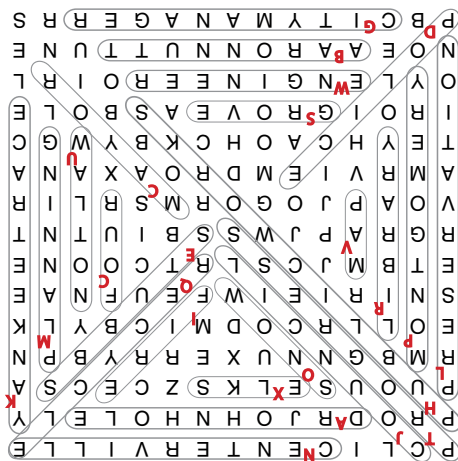
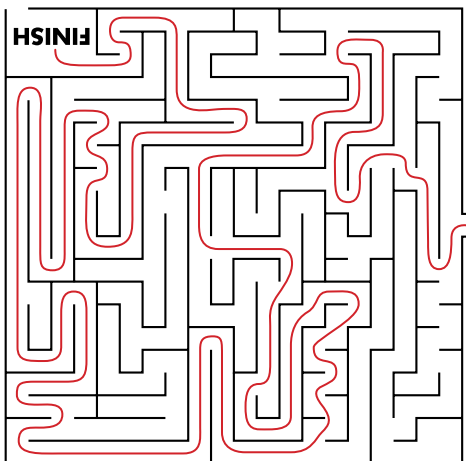
Centerville Seek and Find

See how many things you can find in this tree and surrounding scene that begin with the letter C.



Answer Key

1. 1796
2. Mayor
3. Architectural Preservation District
4. Montgomery
5. 911
6. The City Manager
7. Dr. John Hole
8. Recycling
9. Library
10. Progress & Stability
11. Finance
12. Building Inspection Office
13. Possible answers include: Police Department, Fire Department, Snow Plowing, Road Repair



Emergency Services

Police and Fire Emergency: 911
 Police Non-emergency: 433-7661
 Fire Non-emergency: 433-3083

Directory of Local Services

Centerville Municipal Offices 433-7151
 City Waste Collection 428-4782
 Benham's Grove 433-1913
 Yankee Trace
 Golf Club 438-4653
 Restaurant 438-3585
 Centerville Washington Park District 433-5155
 Washington Township Administrative Offices 433-0152
 Centerville Schools (Administrative Offices) 433-8841
 Centerville Library
 West Spring Valley Road 433-8091
 Woodbourne Library 435-3700
 Asahel Wright Community Center 291-2223
 Centerville-Washington Township
 Historical Society 433-0123
 Hithergreen Center 435-2415
 Montgomery County Offices 225-4000
 Health Department 225-4395
 Water Services 781-2688
 Centerville Post Office 291-1624
 Washington Township Post Office 291-1624
 Dayton Power & Light, Electric Service 331-3900
 Vectren Energy Delivery Service 1-800-227-1376
 Centerville License Bureau
 Driver's Examination 236-1763
 Plates and Driver's License Renewals 435-5970
 Title Bureau 225-4480

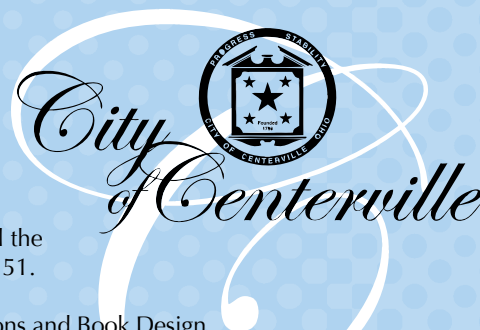
A publication of:
 The City of Centerville
 100 West Spring Valley Road
 Centerville, Ohio 45458
 (937) 433-7151

FAX (937) 433-0310

www.ci.centerville.oh.us

E-mail: information@ci.centerville.oh.us

For additional copies of this publication call the
 Centerville Municipal Offices, (937) 433-7151.



Schlegel Creative Resources, Cover Illustrations and Book Design
 Photos on pages 11 and 12 courtesy of Centerville Historical Society, University of Dayton,
 ESPN, WDTN-TV2, AJ Hawk: Chris Callies/ Green Bay Packers, Mike Nugent: 2009 Matt
 May Photography/Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Nick Mangold: Al Pereira/New York Jets,
 Special Thanks to Bob Moore and the Centerville Washington Township Historical Society.



Yankee Trace Clubhouse



Town Hall Theatre



Walton House